

**PATENT**

Serial No. 10/765,923

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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend Fig. 2 per the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. By this amendment, the specification and Fig. 2 are amended, claims 4, 8 and 9 are canceled and claims 1, 5 and 6 are amended.

The Office Action indicates that Fig 2 should be amended to show node dots. The attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections amends Fig. 2 as requested. Approval; is requested.

The Office Action indicates the specification should be amended to update the continuing information. The specification is amended as requested.

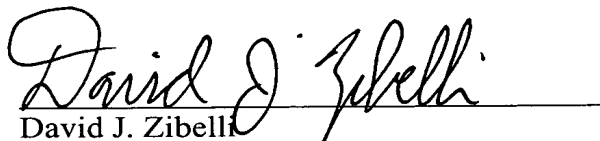
The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 8 and 9 under 35 USC 102, but indicates that 2 and 4-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4, and claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Based on the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee relevant to this filing to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 2

